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EDITORIAL

On First, Fourth & Fifth Pages

NOTES AND COMMENTS

REV. J. H. EAGER, so well known as one of our missionaries to Italy for the last fifteen or sixteen years, has become pastor of the McFenn Memorial church, Louisville, Ky. Our brother has our best wishes and prayers for the Lord's best blessing and large success in his work.

We note the removal of Bro. W. W. Whitfield from Kosciusko to Carrollton. A good church left vacant and another good one filled. We learn that Bro. Whitfield has a very encouraging outlook at Carrollton. May the unfailing help of the Lord attend him and his good wife in their new field.

THE Preacher's School is in full blast. It opened with thirty or more eager students in attendance, and is growing in interest and numbers. Whoever planned to attend and failed to get here will never know what he missed unless he attends the next one and learns by comparison. All agree that Dr. Venable is the very prince of Bible study teachers.

BRO. W. S. ROGERS has located his home in a convenient quarter among our South Side people and made a very favorable and hopeful beginning of his pastoral work. The Sunday School is large, the congregations are good, and growing, the people attentive, and all goes well. Our brother has our best wishes and prayers for a happy pastorate and a large success in his work.

THE (Ga.) Times is authority for saying that Gov. Atkinson, of that State, while on a visit to Mexico City, witnessed a bull-fight, one of the common iniquities of that people; and what was even worse, did it on the Sabbath Day. Was it on the fake-principle that "when one is in Rome, he must do as Rome does," or was it the Governor's lack of moral principle or was it both? Any way, it was a shame for the Governor of the great State of Georgia to subject his State to so great an ignominy.

OUR FIELD GLASS.

Secretary Rowe was with the Baptist saints in Jackson on last Sabbath, and preached for Pastor Sproles morning and evening. He came to us in the fullness of the gospel of Christ, and gave us, at eleven a. m., a strong sermon on the text, "Sir, we would see Jesus," as an expression of the great need and desire of humanity; and at the close enforced the obligation of helping somebody else to see Jesus. The foreign mission work was pre-

sent and an offering of \$100 made by the church for this object. Brother Rowe was with us in the afternoon at the Orphanage Sunday School and talked to the children. Brethren Longmire and Waller and Sister L. A. Foster, of Jefferson county, were also present. It is a pleasure to have a few visitors with us in these Sunday afternoon services with our children.

We understand Bro. I. H. Anding, of Utica, goes to Summit and takes up the work laid down by Bro. Farmer. May he be greatly blessed in his new field of labor. This leaves Utica without a pastor. May the right man be sent them, and may blessings rest upon the Utica saints. If our friends there would not deem it important we could name a man whom we think would make them an excellent undershepherd. We wish to thank a number of associational clerks for their minutes. If others who have not done so would kindly send us a copy of their minutes we would greatly appreciate it and esteem it a great favor.

We deeply sympathize with Rev. R. L. Bunyard, Victor, Col., and his wife in the loss of their baby. They are very sad in their great sorrow. May the Lord be very near and gracious, and may they find grace to help in time of need. Bro. Bunyard is a Mississippian and a former student of our College, and might be induced to return to his native heath, if some church

Pastor Sproles is encouraged in his work here. The congregations are increasing and there is an increase of interest along all lines of church work. There are frequent additions by letter. Some of the members of the legislature who are Baptists are very punctual at services and are helpful as far as their duties will permit. This is of course very gratifying.

BRO. I. H. ANDING goes to Summit as pastor of the Lord's saints in that pleasant little city and round about. We do not know which we envy most, Bro. Anding or Dr. Sample. We would love to have Anding for our pastor if we had to change, and we would be mighty glad to have Sample for a neighbor. But as it is, we guess we will have to take it out in congratulating both of them upon the happy conjunction. May the Lord give Bro. Anding a successful and happy pastorate and may he greatly bless Bro. Sample in helping him to make it so.

In addition to what Bro. Sibbey has said in his rejoinder to Bro. Bates' criticism of his council article, we crave the privilege of a few words:

1. As to *The Log Cabin*, editor's part in the transaction, it is known that from the beginning of the movement he has most vehemently and bitterly opposed the council, and that he was present at the meeting of the Association that took the action against the Zion-Hill church, and could have prevented it if he wished, or at least objected to it, which he evidently did not do. On this account, knowing him as we do, we are bound to infer that he not only concurred in the action, but most probably privately advised it, if, indeed, he did not plan the whole thing.

2. As to the council being made up of "bolters from the State Convention," the insinuation is small enough to come from the rag end of some rump parliament, rather than the head of the oldest Association in the State; and so far from its being true, less than half of them were present at the Convention, and could not have "bolted" if they would. If Bro. Bates had been at the Convention, he would have learned who the "bolters" were, to the tune of about "fifty"; any way, the Convention was so notified.

3. And as to the "well being of the church," with a "non-Loimax, Hall, Bow, Pace, Shirk and Johnson, it is enough to wake the shades of all the old Baptists clear back to "John in the wilderness of Judea," and to tickle the ribs of their very skeletons. The idea of a Convention made up of messengers from the churches, solely to promote missions and education, assuming to be insulted by the calling of a council to try a case of alleged heresy by a church of the living God, which is the pillar and ground of the truth, is just a little too ridiculous to be repeated among any people.

Hottentots. And as to those excellent brethren whose names Bro. Bates lugs in, we doubt not they blushed for shame when they saw what their over-zealous brother had done. If they, one and all, do not resent the insinuation, as an indignity, we should set it down to their charity, rather than to their vanity. No, beloved, you can't feed all of them on that sort of over-done stuff.

We learn that the saints at Cape Girardeau, Mo., appreciate a good thing when they have an opportunity of testing it. Their recent treatment of Bro. S. G. Cooper is proof of this. They have not only continued their call of him to their pastorate, but have increased his salary by \$100, and also greatly encouraged him by munificent Christmas remembrances. Long may such a loving union continue, and great may the Lord's blessings be upon their united heads and hearts.

CHRONICLES.

A. D.

Among the experiences of the past week may be mentioned March winds, April showers, and May weather—with "half" floods and "winter" mud. Roads leading into the city have been miserable and our streets have been wonderfully sloppy. Rains have delayed paving and our sidewalks remain encumbered with brick in consequence. But we look forward to the day when all these troubles will be over and Meridian will shine forth in great beauty.

Wednesday, the 19th, ushered in "more rain," which by night fell in torrents. Prayer meetings were slimly attended, if at all; but in spite of unfavorable weather, Rev. Tom Dixon had a fair audience at the City Hall. He gave a capital lecture on "The Almighty Dollar," for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Highland Baptist church. A good sum would have been realized, but for the unusually bad weather.

The Daughters of the Confederacy had prepared for a Memorial Service on the 19th, in honor of Gen. Robert E. Lee, but had to postpone them to Friday night, when they were held. On no previous occasion have we seen the City Hall so full—indeed the aisles were crowded, and the window sills, while many were standing, were open in the best families," also it is on record that "man proposes and God disposes." Such was our experience last week in getting out THE RECORD. Just when we had got everything ready for our usual press and folder delivery, and everything seemed to be "working like a charm," a refractory bolt got out of its place, dropped down into the machinery of the press, and—crash! bang!—there came a burst of thunder-sound, and our printing press and all of our high hopes and immediate plans were a mass of ruins. Well, of course we rallied, and calling up all the reserves and reinforcement available, went to work on repairs; but with the best efforts of our best machinists, we could not get back to our jumping-off place in order to get the paper out on time. It took two whole days to restore the press machinery to its *statu quo*, and that is the way we account for the delayed appearance of THE RECORD last week. We hope it will not occur again, but have no guarantee to that effect. Meanwhile, we hope our subscribers will be patient with us. We are doing our very best.

Sister Daisy Weems, President of the organization, and her efficient assistants, are entitled to great credit for the faithful and successful carrying out of the interesting program. The essays of Misses Rivers and Crawford, the song of Miss Dillehay, and the effort of Mr. John D. Melunis were grandly applauded. And the old battle flag of the 13th Mississippi was greeted with the "Rebel Yell."

Maj. George Donald, Jr. has returned from Cuba. He visited many parts of the Island. Everywhere he found suffering—starvation. It was heartrending. We abuse England and Christian Europe for allowing the massacres of Armenians in Turkey; but the United States and all America permits Spain to starve thousands of helpless men, women and children almost within our sight.

Our Methodist friends have made some changes in their churches here. They have four active churches in our city and a "down town mission." Including the Georgetown suburb, we have seven Baptist churches, white, and now eight colored. True, some of our churches are financially weak, but they occupy important strategic points. Except Forty-first Avenue and the Highlands, all have pastors.

All our churches, the good Sunday Schools, the small est has three ministers in its membership, while Fifteen

Avenue has four, it seems; the First, two; Emanuel, two; Forty-first Avenue and South Side, each one.

Friday, the 25th, several of us propose to board the southbound train of the M. & O. R. R. and go down to Backatunna, to attend the Fifth Sunday Meeting. Bro. A. G. Lowrey is to preach there that night. Next day a number of interesting subjects are to be discussed. It is hoped that all the appointed speakers will be present, and a large gathering of visitors.

If Congressman John Allen's funny joke about the two drunken Irishmen in the ditch, in illustration of the action of our present Legislature, on the official drunkenness investigation incident means anything at all, then we are "in a pretty plight" sure enough. Is it possible that our Legislature is made up so largely of men who drink whiskey to excess, that they can not protect the interests of the people against the shame, mistakes and crimes of inebriates in office? Is it not then high time for our people who are so woefully misrepresented by such law-makers to see to it that in the next election they be properly represented? or have our whole people sold out to the whiskey iniquity? No, we do not believe a word of it. When their eyes are opened a little wider they will make the right denial.

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Much emphasis is sometimes laid on the importance of Christian unity in the church in order to the efficiency of the members and the success of the church. But it ought to be remembered that such unity depends largely upon mutual respect, that such respect depends upon confidence, and that such confidence depends upon conduct. If all in a church will aim to do right, there will be confidence one in another growing into mutual respect, and then unity will come as a matter of course.

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